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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS - HERB SEMMEL VISIT

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2. THE VISIT WAS INITIATED BY FRENCH GROUP WHO ASKED SEMMEL TO JOIN BECAUSE THEY WANTED ADVICE OF A U.S. LAWYER WITH BACKGROUND IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. SANGUINETTI AND LEPANY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE SOME TWENTY FRENCH NATIONALS (INCLUDING THE TWO NUNS) WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED. SEMMEL IS INTERESTED IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM ACROSS THE BOARD WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON VIOLATIONS AGAINST LAWYERS.

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3. APPOINTMENTS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. SEMMEL WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON U.S. EMBASSY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL AND WILL BE TELEPHONING EMBASSY TO ARRANGE TIME.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RECEIVING SEMMEL

AND PROVIDING BACKGROUND BRIEFING INCLUDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING ANY CALLS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ARRANGED BY THE FRENCH WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL. (FOR EXAMPLE: MIGNONE OF PERMANENT ASSEMBLY, COX OR NEILSON OF HERALD, UN HCR, AND DEPUTY NUNCIO). SEMMEL WILL ALSO NEED AN INTERPRETER, HE WOULD PREFER IT IF U.S. EMBASSY OFFICER COULD ACCOMPANY HIM. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR AN INTERPRETER WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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